RECOMMENDED...

Admittedly it's been a bit of a thin time for quality software recently - we've only managed to find four games from the last couple of months that we really reckon are worth your hard-earned cash. So here they are. (By the way, if you're wondering why we've not recommended Monkey Island 2 this month, it's simply because everybody has already bought it).

BEAST 3: OUT OF THE SHADOWS (Psygnosis)

Streets ahead of the previous two games, Beast 3 is a real gem, a top-notch combination of arcade action, adventuring and puzzle-solving. With the company's traditionally exquisite graphics shining through here, the game is, for once, as substantial as it is stylish. It's a bit more demanding than the likes of Harlequin and RoboCod, but nevertheless a game that fans of 'that sort of thing' will flip their lids over.

90%

PREMIERE (Core Design)

Not the greatest game in the world, but a very enjoyable (and original) one that has the player, as a rookie film editor, traversing the platform-based innards of a corrupt Hollywood studio to recover stolen movie reels. Western, sci-fi, cartoon and fantasy are some of the well-worn cinema genres paid tribute to by graphic artist Jerr 'Heimdall' O'Carroll. It won't set the world on fire, but there's more than enough action here to satisfy the vast majority of platform fans.

81%

CRAZY CARS III (Titus)

Now This Is What We Call A Driving Game. Forget the first two shambolic efforts - the third game in the Crazy Cars series is better than Lotus AND Jaguar! Race across the USA, competing for cash and avoiding the attentions of the attentive (and very brutal) highway patrol! Make side bets on the outcome and get rich! Clock up mega speeds with the turbo boost! Customise your car with all sorts of excellent items! Forget the rest - this is the driving game that's got the lot, and it's got it in spades.

90%

LURE OF THE TEMPTRESS (Virgin)

At last Made In Britain is starting to mean something again. It may not have the same comedic edge that make the Monkey Island games so special, but as a straight graphical adventure this should keep you satisfied like no other. Intelligent character-based puzzles, a sprawling play area and attractive graphics combine to put Lure on a par with most of what Delphine and Lucasfilm have to offer.

90%

CHARTS

Month Ending 27th August 1992

FULL-PRICE TOP 40

1 SENSIBLE SOCCER (Renegade)
2 PREMIERE (Core Design)
3 FIRE & ICE (Renegade)
4 MONKEY ISLAND 2 (US Gold)
5 FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX (Microprose)
6 CRAZY CARS III (Titus)
7 OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS! (Psygnosis)
8 ESPANA - THE GAMES 92 (Ocean)
9 DIZZY'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES (Codemasters)
10 CIVILIZATION (Microprose)
11 PGA TOUR GOLF + (Electronic Arts)
12 STRIKER (Rage)
13 LURE OF THE TEMPTRESS (Virgin)
14 THE MANAGER (US Gold)
15 GRAHAM TAYLOR'S SOCCER CHALLENGE (Krisalis)
16 PROJECT-X (Team 17)
17 THE ADDAMS FAMILY (Ocean)
18 JAGUAR XJ220 (Core Design)
19 EPIC (Ocean)
20 JOHN MADDEN AMERICAN FOOTBALL (Electronic Arts)
21 JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER (Virgin)
22 HOOK (Ocean)
23 LOTUS 2 (Gremlin)
24 DIZZY COLLECTION (Codemasters)
25 PINBALL DREAMS (21st Century Entertainment)
26 ALIEN BREED (Team 17)
27 ROBOCOD (Millennium)
28 RISKY WOODS (Electronic Arts)
29 DYNABLASTER (Ubisoft)
30 POPULOUS II (Electronic Arts)
31 SPACE CRUSADE (Gremlin)
32 ROBOCOP 3 (Ocean)
33 INTERNATIONAL SPORTS CHALLENGE (Empire)
34 MEGAFORTRESS (Mindscape)
35 F-15 STRIKE EAGLE II (Microprose)
36 EYE OF THE BEHOLDER II (US Gold)
37 DUNE (Virgin)
38 EUROPEAN FOOTBALL CHAMP (Domark)
39 FLOOR 13 (Virgin)
40 DARK QUEEN OF KRYNN (US Gold)

BUDGET TOP 20

1 FALCON (Action Sixteen)
2 RAINBOW ISLANDS (The Hit Squad)
3 PANG (The Hit Squad)
4 SEUCK (GBH)
5 LOTUS ESPRIT TURBO CHALLENGE (GBH)
6 F-16 COMBAT PILOT (Action Sixteen)
7 PANZA KICK BOXING (Kixx)
8 JAMES POND (GBH)
9 BATMAN THE MOVIE (The Hit Squad)
10 C.J. IN THE USA (Codemasters)
11 SEYMOUR GOES TO HOLLYWOOD (Codemasters)
12 BUBBLE BOBBLE (The Hit Squad)
13 SUPER CARS 2 (GBH)
14 TURRICAN II (Kixx)
15 FIRST DIVISION MANAGER (Codemasters)
16 NORTH & SOUTH (Action Sixteen)
17 STEG THE SLUG (Codemasters)
18 TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY (Codemasters)
19 FULL CONTACT (Team 17)
20 PRO TENNIS TOUR (The Hit Squad)

THIS TIME LAST YEAR

1 MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE (Krisalis)
2 THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND (US Gold)
3 THUNDERHAWK (Core Design)
4 RAINBOW COLLECTION (Ocean)
5 PGA TOUR GOLF (Electronic Arts)
6 F-15 STRIKE EAGLE II (Microprose)
7 EYE OF THE BEHOLDER (US Gold)
8 ARMOUR-GEDDON (Psygnosis)
9 LEMMINGS (Psygnosis)
10 LIFE AND DEATH (Mindscape)

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